

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds

To Provide for the Integration of Peer Positions within Integrated Case Management

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 and 34.6, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) hereby announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

Name of Program: Integration of Peer Positions within Integrated Case Management

Purpose: This notice announces the availability of grant funding for the integration of peer specialists into DMHAS funded Integrated Case Management Service Teams (ICMS). This initiative will be implemented through a best practice approach to the delivery of consumer-operated services. There are a statewide total of 2 positions available for this initiative with no more than one position added per county. The goals of this integrated model include, but are not limited to the following:

- Fully integrate peers into services as consumers transition to the community.
- Provide an array of peer-based services from hospital to community activities on a consistent basis that will provide consumers enrolled in ICMS with a unique opportunity to access skills, relationships and resources that will optimize their ability to reach a genuine recovery as they move in to their homes in the community.
- Offer access to resources, programs and people that will educate, motivate and inspire consumers to take personal responsibility for adopting a lifestyle based on “wellness”, which is defined “as an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a more successful existence” (National Wellness Institute).
- Assist and support consumers who wish to maintain a tobacco-free lifestyle as they regain decision-making power over their own lives and transition in to community-based settings.
- Form alliances with key agency staff who will serve as “champions” to facilitate agency implementation as well as to promote the principles and values of peer-support and consumer empowerment throughout the agency.
- Establish a positive and trusting relationship between the peer provider and the recipient of ICMS services.

- Optimize the involvement of positive role-models—to be inclusive of persons from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds-- who can provide hope and positive motivation to consumers through their lived example of successfully transitioning. Opportunities for sharing recovery stories will be encouraged as well as the provision of groups that specifically focus on empowerment and true community integration.
- Serve as the liaison between the ICMS Team and the local self-help center.
- Collaborate with the respective treatment teams for all consumers on the peer provider's caseload receiving treatment at a state psychiatric hospital regarding treatment and discharge planning, including addressing issues with and advocating on behalf of the consumer regarding their housing and community treatment preferences.

Amount of funding available: Total annualized funds up to \$100,000 will be available to support this request. Specifically, up to \$50,000 will be allocated for each of the Integrated Case Management Teams receiving an award through this RFP. No more than one position will be awarded per county. Consideration will be given to cost effective proposals.

Organizations that may apply: In order to be eligible for consideration for funding under this RFP, the applicant must be a fiscally viable for-profit or non-profit corporation or a government entity, currently under contract with the DMHAS to provide Integrated Case Management Services, and must document experience in successfully providing mental health support, rehabilitation, and treatment or housing services for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.

Procedure to apply: Effective July 25, 2012, eligible and interested organizations may obtain a Request for Proposal via the Internet at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/publicnotices.html> or by contacting Roger Borichewski, Assistant Director, Office of Prevention, Early Intervention and Community Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services at (609)777-0678. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with requirements stipulated in the Request for Proposal.

Mandatory Bidders' Conference: A Mandatory Bidders' Conference will be conducted for interested applicants. All applicants intending to submit a proposal in response to this request must attend the mandatory Bidders Conference on August 1, 2012. Information regarding the time and location of the bidders conference may be found in the Request for Proposal. *Proposals submitted by an applicant not in attendance at the bidders conference will not be considered.*

Deadline by which all applications must be submitted: Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M., August 31, 2012. Respondents must submit proposals electronically in PDF format. Additionally, one hard copy of the proposal with an

original signature and six additional hard copies must be submitted. No format other than the PDF and one original signed hardcopy and six additional hard copies will be accepted for this RFP.

Date by which applicants will be notified of preliminary decision to accept or reject proposal:

Applicants will be notified no later than **September 28, 2012**.

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

Date